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MINUTES OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR (SUPPORT)

STAFF MEETING

6 July 1955

1. Colonel White opened the meeting with a brief discussion of the status of the new building proposal. Details were given concerning the House and Senate consideration of the bill. Passage of the bill appears certain though the extent of the appropriation is as yet uncertain. He noted that earlier work done on space requirements was satisfactory for Congressional consideration of the bill, but the architects will require much more detailed information. This information will be called for shortly and offices were advised to pin down space requirements immediately. Colonel White cited and endorsed the austerity attitude of Congress concerning the building. Mr. Garrison added that a conservative \$20 per square foot was the basic determinant in our building cost estimate and the likelihood that an appropriation below our estimated cost would be forthcoming should be kept in mind as offices reworked their space requirements. Colonel Edwards asked if the building estimate included costs of security and communications equipment and was advised that it did not. Mr. Baird asked if there was anything in the bill which would preclude future expansion of the building and/or buildings and was advised that there was not. Remarks on the new building were concluded by Colonel White with the statement that no definite site had been chosen, that Langley, Virginia, was still under consideration and that political interest in the site selection continued though it was not a controlling factor in the matter.

2. Colonel White commented upon current developments in classification and wage procedures. There is to be no abandonment of classification principles; rather flexibility is to be incorporated in present controls. Personnel is about to submit a new regulation which will effect greater flexibility in assignments and the Management Staff is studying staffing patterns and their possible use in replacing, at least in part, inflexible elements of the T/O and ceiling requirements.

3. Colonel White announced that [REDACTED] will talk on Operation ALERT at the next Senior Staff meeting. Mr. Dulles and General Cabell are enthusiastic over the [REDACTED] exercise and offices were advised to make sure that [REDACTED] has their observations and recommendations on Operation ALERT promptly so that they may be incorporated in the presentation to the Director. [REDACTED] remarked upon the excellence of a DD/I report which he had received and also noted that among questions to be settled

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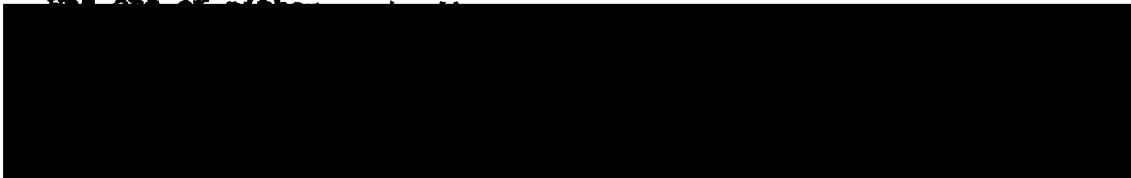
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4. Colonel White asked for any special comments which office heads cared to make. [redacted] announced that [redacted] was going to Europe for 2 years under a plan designed to build up field audit procedures. Mr. Garrison reported excellent progress in negotiations for the [redacted] construction project. Cost plus contracting recommended by Colonel White looks to be a very satisfactory working arrangement. Construction is to commence on 1 September and the completion date has been established as 30 June 1956. Mr. Pforzheimer remarked upon the following Congressional bills:

a. A one year extension of the Missing in Action statute has been passed.

b. A bill authorizing awards of up to \$500,000 for information leading to detection of intended atomic sabotage has been passed. The Director is to sit on the Award Board.

c. The Overseas Allowance Act under consideration is stalled and will not pass this session of Congress.

d. The Training of Federal Employees bill has not been cleared by the Administration and no action is expected during the current session of Congress.

e. The Statutory Leave Bill is before Congress and may pass this session.

f. Congress is expected to approve a commission to study the security program with a provision that the President be authorized to withhold intelligence information if necessary.

g. Congress is expected to increase the per diem allowance from \$9.00 to \$12.00.

Mr. Pforzheimer also advised that Congress is not expected to set up a committee to supervise CIA at this session.

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5. The Director of Personnel and a member of his office, Mr. [redacted] were introduced by Colonel White and a detailed presentation of the Agency personnel strength, T/O and ceiling statistics was given. Following this talk Colonel White reminded the offices of

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the Director's insistence upon holding the line at current on-duty strength and warned that any office expansion proposals must be accompanied by an explanation of efforts and success in getting rid of mediocrity. Mr. Pforzheimer noted Congressional interest in austerity of personnel and quickness in condemning overstaffing. Colonel Edwards said that his office has quietly rid itself of numerous inefficient personnel through induced resignations. Such resignations would probably go unnoticed insofar as manifest evidence of efforts to rid an office of mediocrity is concerned.

6. There being no further business, Colonel White adjourned the meeting.

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